

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-10 are pending in this application and subject to examination.

Interview Summary

The Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesy extended in granting a personal interview on May 3, 2006. During the interview, the Examiner, the Applicants' representative, and Mr. Mitsuhiro Yamaha, representing the Assignee of record, Pioneer Corporation, discussed the present invention and the differences between the present invention and the prior art. Specifically, the following features of the present invention were discussed during the interview: (1) "a first recording unit . . . for recording program information"; (2) a "second recording unit . . . for recording title information corresponding to said program information prior to recording said program information"; and (3) the title information comprising "at least one of disc title, the name of artist, genre, the year of sale of disc, track title and the artist(s) for respective track(s)," as recited in claim 1 of the present invention. (Emphasis supplied).

The Applicants also express their appreciation to the Examiner for the helpful suggestion made during the interview for clarifying the invention as recited in claim 1, by reordering the recited features and placing the recited "control means" between the

recited "first recording unit" and "second recording unit." Claim 1 has been amended further to the Examiner's suggestion.

Summary of the Response

In the Office Action mailed December 16, 2005, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsumi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,711,343, hereinafter "Matsumi") in view of Fujinamo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,385,152, hereinafter "Fujinamo"). It is noted that claim 1 has been amended. To the extent this rejection remains applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, as follows.

Claims 1, 5 and 8 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 1, 5 and 8, the Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the cited prior art, taken alone or in combination, discloses or suggests at least the following combination of features of the present invention: "a first recording unit . . . for recording program information"; and a "second recording unit . . . for recording title information corresponding to said program information prior to recording said program information"; "wherein said title information comprises at least one of disc title, the name of artist, genre, the year of sale of disc, track title and the artist(s) for respective track(s)," as recited in claim 1, as amended, and in the parallel language of claims 5 and 8. (Emphasis supplied).

For at least these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 (as amended), 5 and 8, are allowable over the cited prior art.

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 2-7, 9 and 10, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of these claims depends from one of allowable claims 1, 5 and 8, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

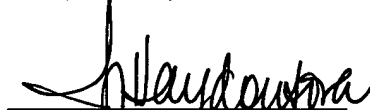
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending recite patentable subject matter. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with

this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 107156-00094.

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Enclosure: Petition for Extension of Time (two months)